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Christopher Carver supervises and conducts all aspects of federal and state civil litigation at trial and appellate levels, including case management, motions and pleadings, oral argument, depositions and written discovery, mediation, and trial. Areas of practice include arbitration, admiralty and maritime, antitrust, civil rights and electoral law, class actions, contracts, covenants not to compete, general commercial litigation, insurance law, injunctive proceedings, internet issues, intellectual property, securities, trade secrets, and unfair competition.

Notable Work

Insurance Action: Represented insurer in complex interpleader action and obtained reversal on appeal of denial of motion to compel arbitration. *Benchmark Ins. Co. v. SUNZ Ins. Co.*, 36 F.4th 766 (8th Cir. 2022)

Class Action: Represented governmental entity in putative class action and obtained dismissal for lack of actual injury, and therefore Article III standing. *Keim v. S. Fla. Fair & Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc.*, 535 F. Supp. 3d 1273 (S.D. Fla. 2021)

Class Action: Represented automobile rental company in putative class action claiming violation of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act and obtained grant of demurrer for failure to state a claim and absence of willful violation on face of pleading. *Siglin v. Sixt Rent A Car LLC*, No. 37-2020-00012844-CU-BT-CTL (Cal. Sup. Ct., San Diego-Central Mar. 30, 2021)

Trade Secrets Action: Represented plaintiff company in action bringing Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and related claims against former employer in which company prevailed after bench trial. *Hamilton Group Funding, Inc. v. Basel*, No. 16-cv-61145, 2019 WL 3765340 (S.D. Fla. Aug. 7, 2019)

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Antitrust and Trade Regulation
Appellate
Automotive Retail
Commercial Disputes
Class Action Defense
Consumer Protection Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Cannabis
Cuba

Education

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 1993
M.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1989
A.B., Duke University, 1984

Admissions

Bars

Florida
North Carolina

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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Banking Action: Represented financial institution in action claiming Fair Debt Collection Act violation and obtained affirmance of dismissal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. *Rivas v. Bank of New York Mellon*, F. App'x 958 (11th Cir. 2019)

Banking Action: Represented financial institution in action claiming invalidity of mortgage and counterclaim for foreclosure and obtained affirmance of district court's denial of borrower's motion for relief from judgment. *Madura v. BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P.*, 773 F. App'x 1053 (11th Cir. 2019)

Class Action: Represented auto dealer in putative class action and obtained reversal on appeal of denial of motion to compel arbitration. *Kendall Imports, LLC v. Diaz*, 215 So. 3d 95 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017)

Bank Litigation: Represented banking entities and bank counsel in action seeking to use federal court system to block state foreclosure action. *Rivas v. The Bank of New York Mellon*, 676 F. App'x 926 (11th Cir. Jan. 20, 2017)

Bank Litigation: Represented banking entities in complex mortgage foreclosure action against pro se litigant giving rise to multiple reported decisions rejecting borrowers' claims. *See, e.g., Madura v. BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP*, 655 F. App'x 717 (11th Cir. June 30, 2016)

Bank Litigation: Represented servicer in obtaining order compelling arbitration of borrower's claims brought under federal and state consumer protection statutes. *Banks v. CashCall, Inc.*, 188 F. Supp. 3d 1296 (M.D. Fla. 2016)

Class Action: Represented veterinarian in obtaining dismissal of putative class action under Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act. *Torongo v. Roy*, 176 F. Supp. 3d 1320 (S.D. Fla. 2016)

Bank Litigation: Represented bank in litigation brought by cities claiming adverse effects from mortgage foreclosures. *City of Miami v. Bank of America Corp.*, 171 F. Supp. 3d 1314 (S.D. Fla. 2016), *rev'd* 800 F.3d 1262 (11th Cir. 2015), *vacated and remanded*, 136 S.Ct. 2544 (2016)

Bank Litigation: Represented servicer and lender in obtaining reversal of ex parte injunction order. *CashCall, Inc. v. Office of Attorney General, Dept. of Legal Affairs*, 173 So. 3d 1056 (Fla. 2d DCA 2015)

Bank Litigation: Represented acquirer of failed institution from FDIC in action seeking to enforce claimed rights under assumption agreement. *RPM Nautical Foundation, Inc. v. Centennial Bank*, 603 F. App'x 836 (11th Cir. Mar. 9, 2015)

Class Action: Represented bank in defeating class action claims brought under federal and state consumer protection laws. *Alhassid v. Bank of America, N.A.*, 307 F.R.D. 684 (S.D. Fla. 2015)

Published Work and Lectures

- *Chambers and Partners*, Litigation 2023 Trends and Developments, Co-Author, "Update on Helms-Burton Act Cuba 'Trafficking' Cases," 2023
- Akerman's Guide to Doing Business in Florida: A Legal Guide for Out-of-State and Foreign Businesses, Author, "Antitrust Trade

Regulations,” 2016

- *Guide to Doing Business Florida*, Co-Author, “Dispute Resolution in Florida,” September 2013 and 2016
- *Guide to Doing Business in Florida*, Author, “Federal Antitrust Law,” Co-Author, “State Trade Regulations,” August 2011

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2014-2025, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2009-2021, Listed in Florida for Business Litigation
- *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Recognized as a “Top Lawyer in Broward County” for Commercial Litigation, 2021-2022
- BTI Client Service All-Star Award, 2013
- *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite, 2011, Listed for Commercial Litigation
- *Outstanding Service Recognition*, Certificate for service to three-judge court in assisting Special Master in 2004 reapportionment case involving the State of Georgia